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NATIONAL KNOWLEDGE COMMISSION
Barad Shri Jashubhai Dhanabhai

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has set up the National Knowledge Commission;

(b) if so, the details of the composition of the Commission;

(c) the aims and objective for setting up such Commission;

(d) whether the Commission would explore avenues of making the Government more responsive and transparent;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the time-frame of the Commission; and

(g) the time by which the Commission would submit its report?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): It is headed by Shri Sam Pitroda. Dr. Pushpa M. Bhargava is its Vice - Chairman, and Shri Nandan Nilekani, Dr. Pratap Bhanu Mehta (Member-Convenor), Dr. Andre Beteille, Dr. Jayati Ghosh, Dr. Ashok Ganguly and Dr. Deepak Nayyar are its six Members all part - time.

(c): Its `Terms of Reference` are;-

(i) To build excellence in the educational system to meet the knowledge challenges of the 21st century and increase India`s competitive advantage in fields of knowledge;

(ii) To promote creation of knowledge in S & T laboratories;

(iii) To improve the management of institutions engaged in intellectual property rights;

(iv) To promote knowledge applications in agriculture and industry; and

(v) To promote the use of knowledge capabilities in making government an effective, transparent and accountable service provider to the citizen and promote widespread sharing of knowledge to maximize public benefit.

(d)&(e): Yes. It has this responsibility as one of the Terms of Reference.

(f)&(g): The Commission will wind itself up on 2nd October, 2008, with a report on tasks done.